

READINGS

For Sunday, Jan 7
Matthew 2:1-12, The Visit of the Wise Men
Pew Bible: 785 Spark Bible: 1058

For Wednesday, Jan 10
John 1:35-51, Jesus Says 'Come and See'
Pew Bible: 862 Spark Bible: 1172

PRAYERS & CARE

Please contact the office if you have any prayers to be lifted up: office@firstlu.org or 608.783.2236

NURSERY AVAILABLE

Members and visitors: our nursery is available for children newborn through age 4. The nursery is staffed Sunday mornings during and between services, and on Wednesday evenings during service and programming. **Please bring your diaper bag.** It will also be staffed during some church events and will be advertised as such when available. We hope you take advantage of our services while here at First.

HOSPITAL REMINDERS

For Gundersen: be sure to alert the hospital of your church affiliation when they ask and they will then release your name to us when we call.
For Mayo/Franciscan Healthcare: it is important that you or a family member contact us directly at the church office: 608.783.2236. Mayo no longer gives out information regarding who is hospitalized.

Please make every effort to keep food and beverages in the narthex. Thanks!

SERVING:
Pastor Jason Stanton; Organist: Gabe Hicks; Bread Baker: Kendra Bauer

SUNDAY, JAN 7, 8:00AM
Communion Servers: Randy Nedrelo, Paula Skoy; Reader: Jan Klimke; Projection Leader: Larry Schreiner

SUNDAY, JAN 7, 10:30AM
Acolytes: Connor & Aidan Liudahl; Communion Servers: Linda Green, Shaun Gibbs; Reader: Judy Johnson; Projection Leader: Ronn Thies

WEDNESDAY, JAN 10, 6:15PM
Communion Server: Shaun Gibbs, Mary Every; Reader: Wendi Shilts

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN., JAN 7 & WED., JAN 10

WELCOME GUESTS!
The 1,800 baptized members of First Lutheran hold hospitality to visitors among our greatest priorities. We understand that visiting a church can feel overwhelming. **Please know that ALL are welcome to worship, commune and participate in all church activities, programs and events.**

We hope you can make time to stop at the Welcome Center in the front entry where we have a gift for you. It's also a great place to ask questions, gather information and share ways that we may keep in touch with you. **We're glad you're here!**

WELCOME CENTER HOSTS
Brian & Mary Narveson, Teesha Willinger

CONNECTION CARDS
Connection Cards help the staff keep in touch with the needs of members and visitors alike. **Please fill out a Connection Card each week**, complete with prayer concerns and anything else you'd like the Pastors to know. Hand it to an usher on your way forward for communion, or place it in the offering plate. Thanks!

HOSPITALITY ACTION TEAMS
Coffee Servers: Lowell & Mary Meier, Merrill & Judy Wachter; Treat Providers: Brenda Mackeben, Beth Curtis, Angie Schmid, Melissa Forbes

PARENT SHARE: NOW MEETING SUN & TUES

Join Carla Stanton, member of First, certified spiritual director and mom of three, **in room 201 every Tuesday morning, 8:30-9:30am, or on Sunday mornings 9:15am-10:45am.** At Parent Share, we pray and talk about raising our children faithfully. Childcare is available, too, during either session.

SYNOD ANTI-RACISM TRAINING: THE HIDDEN POWER OF RACISM IN OUR COMMUNITY

It can be uncomfortable to talk about race, racism and racial injustice, and yet engaging in this conversation is important. This workshop will use *On Behalf of Our Children: Wisconsin's Racial Disparities and the Call of the Gospel*, a resource from the Wisconsin Council of Churches to begin to unpack the hidden power of race and God's call to us in the midst of it. **Thursday, Jan. 11, 9:30am-4pm** at Good Shepherd Lutheran, 4141 Mormon Coulee Rd, La Crosse. Cost: \$10, includes refreshments, lunch and program material. Register by emailing office@lacrosseareasynd.org, or calling 608.788.5000 by Jan. 8. Questions? Contact Pastor John Dumke at jfdumke@gmail.com or 630.675.8910.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Please take time before worship and go to the narthex to write down any prayers you want to lift up, so we can be certain to include them in worship today!

Sunday School

Sunday, January 7

- 9:15am Sunday School
 - 3- & 4-yr-olds, parent drop-off in 4K Rm
 - Gr K-5, parent drop-off in Choir Rm
- 9:15am Grade 2 FBB: What's Fair (1st meeting, parents/guardians only) - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 14

- 9:15am Sunday School
- 9:15am Grade 2 FBB: What's Fair (2nd meeting, parents/guardians & child) - Fellowship Hall

New registrations welcome any time of the year. Contact Sunday School superintendent Beth Miller at sundayschool@firstlu.org or stop in the Sunday School office in room 206.

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, January 7

- 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes

Monday, January 8

- Gr 9 Confirmation Registration for Spring Classes Begins

Wednesday, January 10

- 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups

DRAWING FROM THE WELL

First Lutheran invites all women to join us in January for conversation and support. We'll gather at Hackberry's (above the food co-op in La Crosse) on **Saturday, Jan. 13, at 9:30am**. It's a great way to get to know women in the congregation. Questions? Contact bridget@firstlu.org.

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First Lutheran Church wants to personally invite you to a special worship honoring and lifting up members of our congregation who

are aged birth-three years old.
Who: Birth-three year olds and their families,
What: Worship, Where: First Lutheran,
When: **January 14, at both worship services**.
Please join us for a time focused on honoring this age group and to receive a holding cross.

SUGAR CREEK WINTER FUN DAY

Embrace our Wisconsin winter with some outdoor fun and have wonderful faith-filled fellowship while we do it. On **Sunday, Jan. 14**, we will leave after church (second service) and return around 6pm. Come for an afternoon of snow tubing, broomball, snowshoeing, wagon rides and more!! Cost: \$7/person. *RSVP: beth@firstlu.org*

STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASSES START IN JAN

A Stephen Minister is a good listener to a person in crisis, bringing Christ into the relationship. Come join us and see how Stephen Ministers make a difference in the church. A new Stephen Ministry class is starting **Monday, Jan. 15 from 6-8pm**, for 20 weeks. Meeting in the Mary Room. RSVP by contacting Pastor Karyn (karyn@firstlu.org) or Gloria Kubiak (608.498.2762).

COME FOR SUPPER

First Lutheran is assisting with Come for Supper on **Tuesday, Jan. 23**, at Our Savior's in La Crosse. First Lutheran will help with food donations and volunteering to serve and clean up. The sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Center. Call Gloria Kubiak if you have questions, 608.498.2762.

OWLS GO DRIFTLESS

The OWLs, our group for those 55+, are flying to the new Driftless Area Education and Visitors Center in Lansing, Iowa. The adventure begins at church at **9am on Thursday, Jan. 25**; back by 3pm. RSVP to Brian Narveson at owl@firstlu.org by Wednesday, Jan. 24, if you plan to attend.

SUGAR CREEK HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

6pm, Friday, Jan. 26-2pm, Sunday, Jan. 28. Come spend a weekend in the beautiful valley of Sugar Creek Bible Camp. This retreat will be full of outdoor activities, learning together, good food, campfires, night games and more! Cost is \$85, and Jared will provide transportation in the church van. RSVP to jared@firstlu.org (Reminder: Jared is out of the office until Jan. 21).

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY!

A warm thank you! Why? To thank everyone for being Christ's hands and feet! **Sunday, Jan. 28, 11:45-1:30pm in Fellowship Hall**. RSVP by Jan. 24 at the Welcome Center or call the church at 608.783.2236.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR KARYN

There is room for you! We're starting a new study on the book of Mark. This is a great time to join in a group. Interested? Talk to Pastor Karyn or Bridget Crave. We'll get a book ordered for you.

THIS WEEK: JAN 7-14

SUN 7	8:00am Worship 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes - Rm 207 & FS 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee Small Grp - MR 9:15am Gr 2 FBB: What's Fair (1st Mtg, parents/guardians only) - FH 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Capital Campaign Steering Cmte - FS GR 9 CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION BEGINS 7:00pm AA - FS
MON 8	8:30am Parent Share - UR 9:00am Quilting - FS 1:00pm Dorcas Circle - NX 1:15pm Staff Mtg 3:45pm Worship & Music Team - NX 5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy
TUES 9	6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera 12:00pm Finance Team Mtg 6:15pm Worship 6:30pm Peer Ministry - MR 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Grps 7:00pm Choir Practice - SN 8:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal - SN
THUR 11	9:00am Sunshine Boys 7:00pm Women of the House Small Grp - House 7:00pm AA - FS
FRI 12	8:30am Drawing from the Well Grp - FS
SAT 13	8:00am Frolic! Worship 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes - Rm 207 & FS 9:15am Sacraments Confirm Cls - TR 9:15am Internship Committee - House 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee Small Grp - MR 9:15am Gr 2 FBB: What's Fair (2nd Mtg, parents/guardians & child) - FH 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Frolic! Worship 11:45am Winter Fun Day at Sugar Creek 7:00pm Hospitality Leadership Team - NX
SUN 14	

CALENDAR KEY:

CR = Choir Room FBB = Faith Building Block FH = Fellowship Hall
FS = Fireside Room MR = Mary Room NX = Narthex
SN = Sanctuary TR = Thomas Room UR = Upper Room

For more info, visit our website at www.FirstLutheranOnalaska.org